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From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

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To VIKTOR.[i]

Your No. 3686[a]. Your proposal about using AILERON[ELERON][ii] as a group leader [GRUPPOVOD] cannot be realized for the time being, as the management has decided on the transfer of AILERON's and DONALD's[iii] branch[OTDEL] to a provincial [B% town] which will make it all but impossible to use them. In order to stay in CARTHAGE[KARFAGEN][iv] A.[E.] proposes to resign [C% and get from] ROBERT [ROBERT][v] a situation in his establishment. Although PAGE[PAZH],[vi] who is practically the master of the establishment, is in strained relations with A. and will evidently be against taking him on, ROBERT hopes to influence PAGE through PEAK[PIK][vii]. ROBERT admits that the concentration of people in the one establishment is inadvisable, but thinks that this is the only thing to do. For DONALD who is on military service, postponement is impossible. He and A. are making an attempt to stay in the old institution but to transfer to another branch that is remaining in CARTHAGE, but hopes for success

[21 groups unrecoverable]

about "MIKHAILOV"[viii] no communication was made. The workers of the Office[KONTORA][ix] do not know the MIKHAILOV you mention. Please be more specific.

No. 695

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SERGEJ[x]

Note: [a] Not available.

Comments: [i] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN

[ii] ELERON: Abraham George SILVERMAN.

[iii] DONALD: William Ludwig ULLMAN.

[iv] CARTHAGE: Washington, D.C.

[v] ROBERT: Nathan Gregory SILVERMASTER.

[vi] PAZH: Possibly Lauchlin Bernard CURRIE.

[vii] PIK: Possibly Virginius Frank COE.

[viii] MIKHAILOV: Engineer Petr A. BELYAEV

[ix] KONTORA: I.E. the MEB office in the Soviet Consulate General in New York.

[x] SERGEJ: Vladimir Sergeevich PRAVDIN.

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